

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CHILDREN'S NETWORK CBO PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS

MISSION/PURPOSE

The High Desert Partnership for Kids is a child-focused consortium, committed to sharing collective knowledge and resources to promote the well being of children in the High Desert.

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2003

In Attendance:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Mary welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Mary welcomed the presenter Ivy Lewis, Loma Linda University ERU consultant.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions were noted.

3. April minutes to be submitted at a later date.

April minutes will be late due to Tammy's vacation and workload.

Announcements: Mary mentioned to be sure and sign in on the sign in sheet. In your packets you will find some valuable resource information on budgets, grants, and workshops. Mary mentioned how important partnership and collaboration is in these budget times. There is some very competitive grant type information. The agencies that attend regularly are to be commended on their attendance. Mary mentioned that possibly attendance has gone down because agencies are going to the Internet to get the current information. The collaboration at meetings is very important to improve the outcomes of the families we all serve. Due to County budget cuts the staff that is left has to work much harder with less people and less money.

We cannot have this meeting location in July, as the room is already booked. Some suggestions for a July meeting location were; Comfort Suites, Mavericks, or Anthony Chambers' location. Mary mentioned she just attended a workshop in San Diego and talked about lots of sub grants with 3 funding streams for agencies providing services to homeless, faith-based, and community based agencies. There are grants available for community policing and first responders, which does not have to be Fire and Police only, it can be other agencies that respond as well.

4. Guest Speaker Ivy Lewis, Loma Linda University ERU Consultant – imPACCTing Teen Pregnancy – The Results and the Future

Mary introduced Ivy Lewis from the imPACCT project. She is presently with the evaluation unit at Loma Linda University, School of Public Health. Ivy has a background in teaching, fund raising, etc.

Some of the highlights from Ivy Lewis presentation were:

- The imPACCT program was funded through a 7-year grant by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control).
- The program was operated by Children's Network with the fiscal agent as Children's Fund.
- Ivy referred everyone to his or her handouts – a Power Point presentation.

- ImPACCT was set up as a demonstration project to assess needs and define the hot spots for teen pregnancy prevention.
- The areas that were focused on were five zip codes within San Bernardino County in the cities of; San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, and originally in Bloomington.
- CDC selected thirteen sites in the nation for this demonstration project out of 66 that applied.
- Our county's project was the only one to have four partners, and more than one city.
- Some data gathered was the cost of local programs for financial needs and congressional budgets.
- There were two community collaboratives formed; Fontana Collaborative and TPPC (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition) in San Bernardino. The collaboratives were moved to the afternoon so that teens could attend and give their input. Last year these two groups were rolled into the new group, East Valley Collaborative.
- A total of four million dollars was rolled out into the communities for various projects.
- There was some training on reducing the risk of pregnancy that was well attended.
- One of the major focuses was to get teens to successfully postpone sexual involvement for 18 months.
- The noontime activity at the high schools the project was involved with was 6 high schools. This program was transferred to the Y.E.S.S. program at San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.
- Another issue discussed was the cost of teen births to taxpayers for instance, in 2000 there were 188 less births to teens in the County which saved taxpayers \$532,228. Work needs to be done with the media to raise the awareness of the public on the cost of teen pregnancy.
- Another project was the "Children of Children" photo exhibit that was held in 2001 at the County Government Center. There were 2,100 people who came and viewed the photos and listened to the stories. From this photo exhibit; calendars, appointment books, note cards, and tablets were distributed in the community. The appointment books are a very helpful resource with agency referral information for teens to use.
- Last year five demonstration projects were used for direct service with teens; 1. Peer Factor – a teen health booth at Pharaoh's Kingdom; 2. Latina Diabetes at Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino, 3. Bradley-Lewis Mentor House, 4. Curtis Middle School Parent Involvement, and 5. Boys & Girls Club Youth Mentoring. The projects were very successful and the curriculum is free, contact Ivy Lewis if you would like to view it.
- World comparisons and National trends were discussed on the rate of teen pregnancy. It is believed teen pregnancies are considered differently by different cultures as well.
- The United States still has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in countries that are developed.

- There is research that proves the Hablando Claro – Plain Talk project operating in San Diego has been very successful. For further details you can link to their web site through The Annie E. Casey Foundation www.aecf.org or call (410) 547-6600.
- Ivy provided other references and stats on teen births.
- It is believed family structure directly relates to when the teen first has sexual involvement.
- There was some discussion about the surveys that were conducted and the results showing lack of communication between youth and their parents about sexual involvement.
- To get a report on some of the statistics from the graphs in the presentation you can contact Evelyn Trevino at the Department of Public Health at etrevino@dph.sbcounty.gov. The graphs would be very helpful information, when writing grants.
- Stats for Teen Births by Assembly District and Senate District were given. Senator Nell Soto had the 4th rating out of 40 counties with 2,632 teen births at a cost to taxpayers of \$73,000,000.
- Senator Soto has been having community meetings trying to address the teen pregnancy issues and reduce the number.
- The graphs and data focus on teen births between the ages of 15 to 19, but probably should focus on the 15 to 17. It is believed in some cultures that teens get married and have children by 19, so they should not be included in the data.
- There were numerous surveys and data collected during the 7 year project in this county. The overall results show what dollars were spent and how attitudes change. It was generally felt the collaborative did have a positive influence on the community.

Comments and questions: Stephani Congdon asked what happened with the surveys that collaborative members filled out? Ivy stated all the survey information has been to the CDC and they have not sent back any final information. Ivy and Dr. Montgomery are writing 6 to 7 journal articles for publication as a result of the project. The plan is still to continue some of the community programs that were instituted last summer, providing that the CDC has some funding available. A question was asked how are the costs determined for the teen births? Ivy responded that the Department of Public Health calculated the costs by adding up: medical expenses such as additional costs for pregnancies, children with health problems, children suffer from lower education grade level, and societal costs.

5. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

Mary passed around some other information you can sign up, if you would like to get a copy in the mail.

Mary asked the group to think about how important this collaborative is and the funding information they receive. Mary discussed how long the process is to research the available funding opportunities especially when she has been so busy at workshops, providing technical assistance, surplus property, etc. Mary displayed a grant book that had been put together by one of the Board of Supervisor's staff. Mary assists the CBO's in getting their non-profit status and what type of grants they can apply for.

Mary has information on the first responder grant with 3.5 million dollars available. She has more specific information on the RFP and suggested the agencies would have a greater chance by collaborating and leveraging the money available. There is also money available through the Homeland Security for first responders. Mary gave the suggestion to write for the first responders using the same proposal for the Homeland Security through DOJ (Department of Justice) and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). There is suppose to be another 3.5 million dollars available for the next year.

The first time applicant gets extra points for the money available through HSS they apply for. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) has a new 5 year grant cycle for community based HIV prevention, and intervention. Sam Martinez is the contact person; if you are interested she will e-mail you the correct information.

The Administration of Children and Families has a grant out for older homeless youth 18 to 21 transitioning out of the system. Only non-profits can apply with the deadline of June 9th. She can e-mail you the information if interested.

Homeland Security for Schools through the Department of Ed. has emergency plans information for Charter Schools up to 10 million dollars per site. Contact person is Jim Houser (202) 401-7340.

The National Children's Alliance for abused kids and families through the Health and Human Services has lots of special interest funding for health care initiatives such as diabetes, obesity, asthma, etc. The web site is www.nca.online.org.

Met. Life has available by August 1st funds for under served youth promoting jobs. The Discount Foundation has funding for computers, palm pilots and job opportunities. Mary suggests when applying for grants to use the best practices model and evaluations from other agencies.

Faith-based agencies can write for discretionary funds, which will be very competitive.

There is a Challenge Grant out for school youth. It appears abuse rates of children in 2001 were unchanged. At the National Level the rate increased

slightly to 9,003. It has been determined that after school programs help especially for youth left alone after school.

The reports show Welfare Reform and Drug Court works. The use of food stamps is growing. The Federal prison population tops 2 million.

The Simon Foundation through education provided 120 grants in California for 60 million dollars.

The Verizon Grant has a deadline this week. Mary suggested if you wrote for the WIA Grant to massage it and send it over.

Fatherhood programs are a hot item now. Robert Wood Johnson has physical education grants available. The Lincoln based community attracts successful corporate sponsors for youth.

The COPS grant is due June 13th. The funding will help the Probation Department continue to work on primary and secondary campuses for school safety if they apply for it.

There is a kinship grant available for funding of Kin Caregivers that is due June 6th.

Mary had 2 Federal Grant volumes full of information for youth development grants. Most of the Federal grants run for 3 years.

You are all invited to meet the funder, California Endowment, guest speaker, Jose Marquez on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the old Norton Base, Gents Club. There is no charge.

Mary is assisting the VBI – Police Department to host a workshop on May 23rd on the steps to develop youth mentoring programs. Space is limited for this free workshop with breakfast and lunch to be provided. If you are interested, she will e-mail you the registration form.

As a side note, it would be beneficial for your agency to get involved with the community like being on boards in the community.

Tomorrow at the Board of Supervisors meeting a resolution will be signed for Teen Pregnancy Prevention month, and other agencies will be present to share information on teen pregnancy prevention.

Meeting adjourned.

6. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 9, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the Desert Mountain Educational Center, 17800 Outer Highway 18, Apple Valley.**

Respectfully submitted,

TAMMY WILLIAMS, Recording Secretary
Children's Network

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